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Richard Biggio
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City of Corning
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Dear Mr. Biggio:

This is in response to the City of Corning's request for a Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) from substantive environmental review requirements, pursuant to 40 CFR Part 6, for water supply system improvements. This project is being partially funded through a federal Special Appropriation Act grant (Grant No. XP972896-01).


The proposed project involves replacing 2,450 linear feet of a water main, constructing a new 2.2 million gallon (MG) aboveground water storage tank, and abandoning an existing 3.0 MG inground reservoir.

Based upon our review of the supporting documentation, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approves the City's request for a CATEX for implementation of the project. Please be reminded that EPA may revoke this CATEX if any of the following conditions occur:

- changes in the proposed action render it ineligible for exclusion;
- new evidence indicates that serious local or environmental issues exist; or
- federal, state, or local laws would be violated.

Should you have any questions regarding this decision, please address them to John Filippelli, Chief, Strategic Planning and Multi-Media Programs Branch, at the above address.

Sincerely,


Kathleen C. Callahan
Acting Regional Administrator

Enclosure

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